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### Office Action Summary

**Application No.**

10/573,270

**Applicant(s)**

WATANABE ET AL.

**Examiner**

Vincent Q. Nguyen

**Art Unit**

2831

**Period for Reply** -- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

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**Status**

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 02 March 2006 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/CD)
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- Paper No(s)/Mail Date 3/23/06

**DETAILED ACTION**

***Priority***

1. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

***Drawings***

2. Figures 1-2 should be designated by a legend such as --Prior Art-- because only that which is old is illustrated. See MPEP § 608.02(g). Corrected drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

***Objection***

3. Claim 2, line 5, comprising was mistyped. Correction is required.  
Claim 4, line 3 from the bottom of the claim, wherein was mistyped. Correction is required.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

4. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

5. Claims 2, 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Regarding claims 2 and 4, lines 6-12, the examiner is unclear of what is meant by wound counterclockwise from the outer diameter toward inner diameter side? Does applicant mean through inner diameter?

For the purpose of examination, a broadest interpretation will be given to the claim.

Claims 2 and 4 recites the limitation "the center position" (Claim 2 line 12, claim 4 line 13). There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Still refer to claims 2, 4, the examiner is unclear of where is the center position of the inner diameter side of the first and the second coil. What are they?

Since the first coil and the second coil are wound around the same cylindrical body, examiner assumes that the center position of the inner cylindrical body is the center for both the first coil and the second coil.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

6. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

7. Claims 1, 3, 5, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kuchnir et al. (4,687,987).

Regarding claim 1, Kuchnir et al. discloses a beam current sensor comprising a super-conductive body (14), which is a cylindrical body where a beam (12) passes through an inner diameter side and a bridge unit (16, 17) is formed on an outer diameter side, wherein said bridge unit is formed in a coil shape.

Regarding claims 3, 5, 6, Kuchnir et al. discloses a beam current sensor comprising a super-conductive body (14), which is a cylindrical body where a beam (12) passes through an inner diameter side and a bridge unit to which a SQUID (22) input coil is adjacently arranged is formed on an outer diameter side, comprising: a soft magnetic body (14) (High conductive body is soft magnetic, for example, see attached patent # 5,270,675 (Mori et al.), which examiner does not apply to reject the claim) arranged near said bridge unit (16, 17), wherein said SQUID (22) input coil is arranged between said bridge unit and said soft magnetic body (14).

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

8. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

9. Claim 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kuchnir et al. (4,687,987).

Regarding claim 2, Kuchnir et al. discloses a beam current sensor comprising a super-conductive body (14), which is a cylindrical body where a beam (12) passes

through an inner diameter side and a bridge unit (16, 17) is formed on an outer diameter side.

The only difference between Kuchnir et al. and the claimed invention is that the claimed invention recites said bridge unit comprising: a first coil unit formed so as to have a spiral shape wound counterclockwise; a second coil unit formed so as to have a spiral shape wound clockwise, whereas Kuchnir et al. is silent.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to recognize the desirability of modifying Kuchnir et al. to incorporate the coils are wound clockwise and counter clockwise into the system of Kuchnir because such a wound would adjust the Faraday effect to obtain desired flux.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

10. Claim 4 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

***Contact Information***

11. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Vincent Q. Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-2234. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Diego F. F. Gutiérrez can be reached on (571) 272-2245. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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